

"...marked a moral and social renaissance in American life stemming from the resistance of southern Negroes to racist tyranny."

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"Maybe the millions who prayed last Wednesday will continue their efforts against segregation by pressing the President and federal agencies to act against those who illegally deny Negroes their rights as American citizens."31

In May, 1956, an incident, involving the arrest of two Negro college students for sitting beside a white woman in a bus, took place in Tallahassee, Florida, precipitating a similar Negro boycott of buses in that city.

2. The Till Case



The Communist Party, USA, has placed the utmost emphasis on propagandizing the alleged murder of Emmett Louis Till. Till, a fourteen-year-old Negro youth from Chicago, Illinois, was reportedly kidnapped and murdered in Mississippi, in August, 1955. The two white men charged with his murder were acquitted after a trial, and a grand jury later refused to indict them for kidnapping. The Party as well as its numerous front organizations regarded this case as an excellent opportunity to further its agitation and propaganda campaign among the Negroes. The Party press